

Hampshire; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 53

Whereas, the state of New Hampshire has in place more rigorous statutes for the disclosure of campaign finances than the federal government of the United States of America; and

Whereas, the disclosure of campaign finances is of major importance to the bond of trust between our citizenry and our federal and state governments, and to the deterrence of government corruption; and

Whereas, the gap between federal and state laws in the disclosure of campaign finances and the assertion of federal sovereignty in this area has meant that our state candidates for the federal offices of United States Representative and Senator have not abided by the same high standards we require of state and local candidates; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives: That the house of representatives of New Hampshire hereby urges the United States Congress to pass, and the President to sign, a bill requiring at least as much disclosure of finances by federal candidates as the state from which the candidate seeks election requires of its state and local candidates; and That the house of representatives of New Hampshire hereby urges all New Hampshire candidates for federal office to respect the spirit of our laws by voluntary compliance with the state's disclosure laws as spelled out in RSA 664:6-7; and

That copies of this resolution, signed by the speaker of the house of representatives, be forwarded by the house clerk to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the New Hampshire congressional delegation; and

That copies of this resolution be made available to all candidates for federal office by the secretary of state.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. LOTT, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. HELMS, Mr. WARNER, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BURNS, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. MACK, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. BOND, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. FRIST, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. KYL, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. MCCAIN, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. GRAMS):

S. 1873. A bill to state the policy of the United States regarding the deployment of a missile defense system capable of defending the territory of the United States against limited ballistic missile attack; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. REID):

S. 1874. A bill to improve the ability of small businesses, Federal agencies, industry, and universities to work with Department of Energy contractor-operated facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DASCHLE:

S. 1875. A bill to initiate a coordinated national effort to prevent, detect, and educate the public concerning Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Effect and to identify effective interventions for children, adolescents, and adults with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Effect, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 1876. A bill to amend part S of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to permit the use of certain amounts for assistance to jail-based substance treatment programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. BENNETT):

S. 1877. A bill to remove barriers to the provision of affordable housing for all Americans; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1878. A bill to amend the Immigration Nationality Act to authorize a temporary increase in the number of skilled foreign workers admitted to the United States, to improve efforts to recruit United States workers in lieu of foreign workers, and to enforce labor conditions regarding non-immigrant aliens; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. REID):

S. 1874. A bill to improve the ability of small businesses, Federal agencies, industry, and universities to work with Department of Energy contractor-operated facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY SMALL BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 1998

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, partnerships among our federal laboratories, universities, and industry provide important benefits to our nation. They help to create innovative new products and services that drive our economy and improve our quality of life.

I have personally observed the positive impacts of well crafted partnerships. These partnerships enhance the ability of the laboratories and other contractor-operated facilities of the Department of Energy to accomplish their federal missions at the same time that the companies benefit through enhanced competitiveness from the technical resources available at these sites.

I have also seen important successes achieved by other federal agencies and companies that utilized the resources of the national laboratories and other Department sites through contract research mechanisms. Contract research enables these sites to contribute their technical expertise in cases where the private sector can not supply a customer's needs. Partnerships and other interactions enable companies and other agencies to accomplish their own missions better, faster, and cheaper.

I've seen spectacular examples where small businesses have been created around breakthrough technologies from the national laboratories and other contractor-operated sites of the DOE. But, at present, only the Department's Defense Programs has a specific program for small business partnerships and assistance.

All programs of the Department have expertise that can be driving small business successes. Historically, in the United States, small businesses have often been the most innovative and the fastest to exploit new technical opportunities—all of the Department's programs should be open to the small business interactions that Defense Programs has so effectively utilized.

I have been concerned that barriers to these partnerships and interactions continue to exist within the Department of Energy. In addition, the Department's laboratories and other sites need continuing encouragement to be fully receptive to partnership opportunities that meet both their own mission objectives and industry's goals. And finally, small business interactions should be encouraged across the Department of Energy, not only in Defense Programs.

For these reasons, I introduce today the Department of Energy Small Business and Industry Partnership Enhancement Act of 1998. This Partnership Enhancement Act removes barriers to more effective utilization of all of the Department's contractor-operated facilities by industry, other federal agencies, and universities. The bill covers all the Department's contractor-operated facilities—national laboratories and their other sites like Kansas City, Pantex, Hanford, Savannah River, or the Nevada Test Site.

This bill also provides important encouragement to the contractor-operated sites to increase their partnerships and other interactions with universities and companies. And finally, it creates opportunities for small businesses to benefit from the technical resources available at all of the Department's contractor-operated facilities.

This bill amends the Atomic Energy Act, which limited the areas wherein the Department's facilities could provide contract research, not in competition with the private sector, to only those mission areas undertaken in the earliest days of the AEC. My bill recognizes that the Department's responsibilities are far broader than the original AEC, and that all parts of the Department should be available to help on a contract basis wherever capabilities are not available from private industry.

One barrier at the Department to contract research involves charges added by the Department to the cost of work accomplished by a site. This bill requires that charges to customers for contract research at these facilities be fully recovered, and stops the addition of extra charges by the Department. The bill requires that any customer of